

VOLUNTEER PARK DOCENT



JOB TITLE: Park Docent

DESCRIPTION:

Provide assistance to park rangers with emphasis on interpreting the area's natural and cultural resources, environmental education, visitor safety, and resource protection.

DUTIES:

Docents may volunteer to perform one or more of the following services.

- Greet visitors at the Yaquina Head Lighthouse in 1880s period clothing. Provide lighthouse orientations and issue tickets for lighthouse tours.
- Provide visitors with area information at the Yaquina Head Interpretive Center front desk.
- Provide interpretive presentations at ocean observation decks about marine mammals and seabird colonies.
- Provide orientations for visitors entering the intertidal area. These intertidal orientations enable visitors to utilize low impact skills while exploring the fragile intertidal area.

QUALIFICATIONS:

All volunteers must show a willingness to work and get along with a wide variety of co-workers and visitors. A genuine desire to insure that each visitor has an enjoyable experience at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area is essential.

COMMITMENT:

Docents usually volunteer at least once per week, for a four hour shift.

Docents normally work during daylight hours. However, on occasion, docents may volunteer to work at special evening events such as "Twilight Lighthouse Tours" during the summer.

Docents who work in the tidepool area must be able to climb the 140 stairs that descend from the parking lot to the Cobble Beach tidepools.

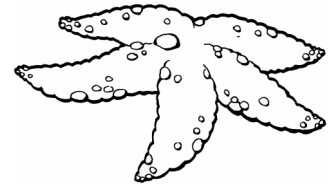
Docents who work at the top of the lighthouse will need to be able to ascend and descend the 109 stairs, two to five times each day. Docents who wish to work at the bottom floor of the lighthouse need to be able to climb the four-step entryway to the lighthouse.

AREA INFORMATION:

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area (YHONA) is a 100-acre day-use area managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The park is located on a prominent headland just three miles north of Newport, on Oregon's scenic central coast

Throughout the year visitors come to view harbor seals and the tidepool life at Cobble Beach and Quarry Cove - the nation's only wheelchair accessible tide pool area. Over 20,000 seabirds nest during the spring and summer on the headland's cliffs and near shore rocks. California Gray Whales can be observed migrating during spring and early winter, but sightings have been seen

at other times of the year. The Yaquina Head Lighthouse, at the tip of the headland, has been functioning as a navigational aid since 1873. The lighthouse and interpretive center are open year-round. Visitation is over 330,000 a year.



DATES:

Volunteer Docent opportunities are available year round.

HOW TO APPLY:

Call or write for an application. Send completed application to Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area at the address below.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Bureau of Land Management is currently expanding its interpretive program at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area. Through this expansion, we seek to further utilize the area's unique natural and historic resources to provide a broad spectrum of interpretive opportunities that inform, inspire, and involve a diverse public in the stewardship of coastal resources.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jay Moeller
Chief Park Ranger
Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area
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Newport, Oregon

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**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
YAQUINA HEAD OUTSTANDING NATURAL AREA
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION – GENERAL**

Name: _____ SSN# _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (or message phone): _____
Area Code Phone Number

Available dates: _____

Days of the Week: (circle those that apply) Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Available Time(s): (ex. 10:00 am – 12:00 pm) _____

Are you employed? Y () N ()

Occupation of applicant: _____

<u>Past Employers</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
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Interests:

(circle those areas in which you are interested in working)

Interpretive Center, Lighthouse, Tide Pools

other areas _____

Are there any health condition(s) that you have which we should be aware of?

Y () N () If yes, please explain:

FOR THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, PLEASE ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NEEDED.

1. What are your reasons for wanting to volunteer? _____

2. List your hobbies, interests, and skills that you feel will help you while you are a volunteer here?

3. What skills, abilities, and/or knowledge do you hope to develop while you are a volunteer here? _____

4. How did you hear about our volunteer program? _____

Do you have a valid driver's license? Y () N () What State? _____

Have you had training in First Aid/CPR Y () N ()

List training, dates, and certificates that are currently valid: _____

Your Signature _____ Date: _____

Return To: Volunteer Coordinator
BLM/Yaquina Head ONA
P.O. Box 936
Newport, OR. 97365
(541) 574-3100

(For Office Use Only)

Interview date: _____ Interviewer: _____

Action Taken: _____